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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 12 May 1954

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory,
Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, [redacted] Sheldon
and [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted a proposed memorandum for OCB respecting "Scope and Pace of Covert (NSC 5412) Operations", and asked [redacted] to obtain the comments of [redacted] and Colonel White as recommended by DD/P. In connection with the budgetary figures mentioned in paragraph 3, the Director said he would prefer to omit the actual amounts indicated and possibly approach expenditures on a percentage basis.

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b. Referred to a cable to the Senior Representative, [redacted], (OUT 93619) and in particular to the statement "political deception is not a CIA prerogative", and stated that quite to the contrary such action is our responsibility and asked Mr. Wisner to correct this in a subsequent message.

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c. Asked Mr. Wisner if his people had completed a paper for the OCB respecting the stepping-up [redacted] in the event we are called upon for additional assistance in [redacted] Mr. Wisner said [redacted] was working on this paper and it should be completed in the near future. The Director asked that it be sent initially to General Cabell for his comments.

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d. Noted a cable from the Senior Representative, [redacted] respecting the forthcoming visit to the U.S. of [redacted] and asked [redacted] to determine from G-2 whether this individual plays any part in the [redacted] operations.

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e. Referred to an exchange of cables with the Senior Representatives, [redacted] respecting war planning in the Far East, and asked General Cabell to look into this situation. [redacted] noted that no decision on this matter will be reached until such time as the war plan for this area is received and thoroughly examined by Headquarters.

f. Stated that General Twining would not accompany Secretary Wilson on his trip to the Far East and asked DD/P to so advise our appropriate people in this area.

g. Stated that after the IAC Meeting yesterday General Willems again raised the question of further dissemination

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Mr. Dulles (Continued):

within the Department of the Army of [redacted]

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[redacted], since he (Willems) 25X1
felt that our present policy was too restrictive. After some
discussion it was agreed that [redacted] would take up this
problem with General Willems. The Director noted he was in
sympathy with the G-2 request; however, he was concerned
whether we would be able to successfully conceal the source
of the information in question since it was one of our most
sensitive.

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i. Referred to a cable from the Senior Representative,
[redacted] (IN 45536) indicating that Ho Chi-Minh is alive, and
asked Mr. Wisner to obtain from [redacted] the full
facts surrounding the information contained in the above-cited
message.

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Mr. Wisner:

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b. Reported General Erskine and one of his staff would
be briefed tomorrow on PBSUCCESS and he had asked General
Cabell to attend. Mr. Wisner said that in all probability
Erskine would request something in writing and received the
Director's approval to show him the briefing paper prepared
for General Smith. It was made clear, however, that no
documents on this operation would be furnished Defense.
The Director raised the question of giving a similar briefing *3-10-54*
to Deputy Under Secretary Anderson, and after some discussion
it was agreed to make this offer through General Erskine.

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d. Referred to an exchange of cables between the Senior
Representative, [redacted] and Headquarters respecting a

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Mr. Wisner (Continued):

security survey conducted by the Senior Representative and one of his staff in preparation for [redacted] now being held, and noted that such activities are not within our jurisdiction. The Director said he was aware of this, however, there was no objection to our conducting such surveys in cases of emergency.

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1. *What is the primary purpose of the study?*

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